

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, People the world over are mourning the loss of Pope  
2 Francis, who passed away on April 21, 2025, at the age of 88,  
3 shortly after offering his Easter Sunday blessing to the faithful  
4 gathered in the Vatican's Saint Peter's Square; and

5 WHEREAS, Born Jorge Mario Bergoglio in Buenos Aires,  
6 Argentina, on December 17, 1936, Pope Francis was the son of Mario  
7 and Regina Bergoglio, and he was deeply influenced by his  
8 grandmother, Rosa Bergoglio, who had been active in the Catholic  
9 Action movement in Italy before the family emigrated to Argentina;  
10 at age 12, he entered a school run by Salesian priests, who  
11 instilled in him a sense of duty to the poor, and he accepted his  
12 calling at the age of 16; he was ordained as a Jesuit priest in 1969;  
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14 WHEREAS, Pope Francis was appointed to lead the Jesuit order  
15 in Argentina in 1973; during the "Dirty War" that took place during  
16 the rule of the country's repressive military junta, he quietly  
17 worked to save the lives of many people; he went on to serve in  
18 Germany and then in the Argentine city of Córdoba; in 1992, he was  
19 named auxiliary bishop of the Buenos Aires diocese, and six years  
20 later, he became archbishop; during his time in that role, he helped  
21 relieve the suffering caused by Argentina's economic crisis,  
22 organizing food kitchens, tripling the number of priests assigned  
23 to the slums, and building schools and drug rehabilitation centers;  
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1           WHEREAS, Named a cardinal in 2001, he became a leading voice  
2 in the church; by the time Pope Benedict XVI stepped down in 2013,  
3 Pope Francis was preparing for retirement; instead, he was elected  
4 pope, becoming the first Jesuit and the first member of the church  
5 from Latin America to serve as pontiff; he was also the first to  
6 choose the name Francis, and like St. Francis of Assisi, he  
7 embraced a humble life of service to the most vulnerable;  
8 demonstrating good humor and an avuncular charm that belied his  
9 steely determination, he became a global voice for justice and  
10 compassion; he took more than 40 trips abroad, many to places long  
11 overlooked, in order to meet with his flock and build interfaith  
12 bridges; at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, he offered hope and  
13 consolation via regular video livestreams; he involved Catholics  
14 worldwide in a process of renewal, engaging the laity, welcoming a  
15 variety of opinions, and choosing many cardinals from Latin  
16 America, Asia, and Africa; even as he grew frail and battled ill  
17 health, he continued to travel widely, especially striving to bring  
18 peace to war-torn regions; and

19           WHEREAS, Now, with the death of this beloved pope, Cardinal  
20 Kevin Farrell of the United States has become acting head of the  
21 Vatican until a new pontiff is elected; born in Ireland, Cardinal  
22 Farrell is a naturalized U.S. citizen and spent many years  
23 ministering in the U.S., particularly as the Bishop of Dallas; he  
24 now holds the position of camerlengo, temporarily overseeing the  
25 day-to-day administration of the Vatican and making arrangements  
26 for the upcoming conclave in the Sistine Chapel to elect the next  
27 pope; and

1           WHEREAS, Another adopted Texan, Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, who  
2 was previously the Archbishop of the Archdiocese of  
3 Galveston-Houston and was recently succeeded by Archbishop Joe S.  
4 Vásquez, will vote in the upcoming conclave for the election of the  
5 new pontiff; and

6           WHEREAS, Pope Francis was a transformative figure, and he  
7 will remain a tremendous source of inspiration, not only to his  
8 fellow Catholics, but to countless people who have been heartened  
9 by his message of enduring mercy and love; now, therefore, be it

10          RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas  
11 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Pope Francis and  
12 extend deepest condolences to all who mourn his passing.

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Burrows	Guerra	Morales Shaw
Alders	Guillen	Morgan
Allen	Harless	Muñoz
Anchía	Harris	Noble
Ashby	Harris Davila	Olcott
Barry	Harrison	Oliverson
Bell of Kaufman	Hayes	Ordaz
Bell of Montgomery	Hefner	Orr
Bernal	Hernandez	Patterson
Bhojani	Hickland	Paul
Bonnen	Hinojosa	Perez of El Paso
Bowers	Holt	Perez of Harris
Bryant	Hopper	Phelan
Buckley	Howard	Pierson
Bucy	Hull	Plesa
Bumgarner	Hunter	Raymond
Button	Isaac	Reynolds
Cain	Johnson	Richardson
Campos	Jones of Dallas	Rodríguez Ramos
Canales	Jones of Harris	Romero
Capriglione	Kerwin	Rose
Cole	King	Rosenthal
Collier	Kitzman	Schatzline
Cook	LaHood	Schofield
Cortez	Lalani	Schoolcraft
Craddick	Lambert	Shaheen
Cunningham	Landgraf	Shofner
Curry	Leach	Simmons
Darby	Leo Wilson	Slawson
A. Davis of Dallas	Little	Smithee
Y. Davis of Dallas	Longoria	Spiller
Dean	Lopez of Bexar	Swanson
DeAyala	Lopez of Cameron	Talarico
Dorazio	Louderback	Tepper
Dutton	Lowe	Thompson
Dyson	Lozano	Tinderholt
Fairly	Lujan	Toth
Flores	Luther	Troxclair
Frank	Manuel	Turner
Gámez	Martinez	VanDeaver
Garcia of Bexar	Martinez Fischer	Vasut
Garcia of Dallas	McLaughlin	Villalobos
Garcia Hernandez	McQueeney	Virdell
Gates	Metcalf	Vo
Gerdes	Meyer	Walle
Geren	Meza	Ward Johnson
Gervin-Hawkins	Money	Wharton
González of Dallas	Moody	Wilson
González of El Paso	Morales of Harris	Wu
Goodwin	Morales of Maverick	Zwiener

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 945 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on April 24, 2025.

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Chief Clerk of the House